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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Secretary of Defense, Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Director of Intelligence and Research  
Department of State

SUBJECT : Linguist Requirements

1. In reviewing the FY 1977-1981 National Foreign Intelligence Program (NFIP), the DCI identified the availability of qualified linguists as a possible major problem facing the Intelligence Community. While most of his concern centered on linguistic capability within the Consolidated Cryptologic Program (CCP), it was readily recognized that a shortage and the quality of linguists applied to all Agencies/Departments.

2. As a follow-on to the 11 August 1975 IRAC discussion on this subject, at which the DCI expressed a need for the language problem within the Community be reviewed, it is requested each addressee provide the following data:

- Linguist requirements by language.
- Identify language training and quality shortfalls and most critical languages.

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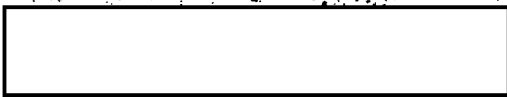
- Immediate, mid-term and long-range plans for training and application of linguistic talent (the military should identify peace-time utilization plans as well as contingency employment for linguists positions in direct support units).

- Identify any efforts in research and development directed toward improvements in language processing.

- Recommendations for improving the linguist problem, such as: approaches to the academic world, improved career fields, training improvements, etc.

3. The DCI looks to ASD(I) to provide a consolidated input for the Department of Defense members of the Intelligence Community.

4. To fully size and evaluate the linguist problem and ensure its inclusion in the DCI's recommendations to the President this fall, inputs are requested by 15 September 1975.

  
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